

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

**California Code of Regulations  
Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections  
Division 3, Department of Corrections**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Director of the Department of Corrections (CDC), pursuant to rulemaking authority granted by Penal Code (PC) Section 5058, in order to implement, interpret and make specific PC Section 5054, proposes to amend sections 3043.5, 3043.6 and 3044 in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 15, Division 3 relating to inmate worktime credit earning.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Date and Time: **December 30, 2003 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**  
Place: Department of Water Resources Auditorium  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Purpose: To receive comments about this action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The public comment period will close **December 30, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.** Any person may submit public comments in writing (by mail, by fax or by e-mail) regarding the proposed changes. To be considered by the Department, comments must be submitted to the Department of Corrections, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001; by fax at (916)322-3842; or by e-mail at [RPMB@executive.corr.ca.gov](mailto:RPMB@executive.corr.ca.gov) before the close of the comment period.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Please direct any inquiries regarding this action to:

**Rick Grenz, Chief,  
Regulation and Policy Management Branch  
Department of Corrections  
P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001  
Telephone (916) 322-9702**

In the event the contact person is unavailable, inquires should be directed to the following back-up person:

**Randy Marshall  
Regulation and Policy Management Branch  
Telephone (916) 324-6778**

Questions regarding the substance of the proposed regulatory action should be directed to:

**Fred Lembach  
Institutions Division  
Telephone (916) 323-0138.**

**LOCAL MANDATES:**

This action imposes no mandates on local agencies or school districts, or a mandate which requires reimbursement pursuant to Government Code Section 17561.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

- Costs or savings to state agencies:  
Estimated savings (FY 02/03): \$7,300,000  
Two-for-one credit earning is currently being implemented.  
It has been addressed in the budget process and is reflected in the current budget.
- Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: *None*
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: *None*

**EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS:**

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed action will have no significant effect on housing costs.

**COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES:**

The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

**SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS:**

The Department has initially determined that the proposed regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

**EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:**

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations may not affect small businesses. It is determined that this action has no significant adverse economic impact on small business, because they are not affected by the internal management of state prisons.

**ASSESSMENTS OF EFFECTS ON JOB AND/OR BUSINESS CREATION, ELIMINATION OR EXPANSION:**

The Department has determined that the proposed regulation will have no affect on the creation of new or the elimination of existing jobs or businesses within California, or affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business in California.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES:**

The Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulatory action.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TEXT AND INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

The Department has prepared and will make available the text and the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) of the proposed regulations. The rulemaking file for this regulatory action, which contains those items and all information on which the proposal is based (i.e., rulemaking file) is available to the public upon request directed to the Department's contact person. The proposed text, ISOR, and Notice of Proposed Action will also be made available on the Department's website <http://www.corr.ca.gov>.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

Following its preparation, a copy of the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the Department's contact person.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES TO PROPOSED TEXT:**

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for copies of any modified regulation text should be directed to the contact person indicated in this notice. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

#### **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW:**

PC Section 5054 vests with the Director the supervision, management and control of the prisons, and the responsibility for the care, custody, treatment, training, discipline, and employment of inmates.

PC Section 5058 authorizes the Director to prescribe and amend regulations for the administration of prisons.

PC Section 5058.3 authorizes the Director to adopt, amend, or repeal emergency regulations conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11340.

This action will incorporate into the Director's Rules amended provisions governing inmate worktime credit earning.

Assembly Bill (AB) 3000, 2001-2002 Session, added PC Section 2933.3 to allow inmates eligible to earn one day of worktime credit for every one day of service who are assigned to a conservation camp assignment by the CDC, to instead earn two days of worktime credit for every one day of service. This enhanced worktime credit applies to service performed after January 1, 2003.

These regulations will bring the Department into compliance with the provisions of AB 3000.

The amended regulations will:

- Establish Work Group F and the two-for-one credit earning for inmates assigned to a conservation camp work assignment.
- Specify a process to determine an effective date in which inmates assigned to Work Group F shall revert to Work Group A-1, in the event an on-the-job injury excludes the inmate from conservation camp assignment.
- Clarify the definition of a non-adverse transfer.
- Specify that an inmate assigned to Work Group F and transferred for non-adverse reasons, shall revert to Work Group A-1 effective the date removed from camp assignment.
- Clarify the definition of an adverse transfer.
- Protect the credit earning status of an inmate who is removed from a program for adverse reasons and is subsequently exonerated of the charges.
- Clarify and explain the work group status of inmates who are approved and transferred for a Community Correctional Center program.